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Response of 7/23/08 to Office Action of 1/23/08

Remarks

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action of January 23, 2008 in the above-captioned matter. A Request for Continued Examination is attached. Reconsideration of all of the rejections and a three month extension of the time provided for response are respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to debit all amounts required from Deposit Account No. 50-1604.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and Objections to Claims 33-35

In the Office Action, Claims 33-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 and objected to. Further thereto, Claims 33-35 have been amended as set forth above. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and objections is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 and for Double Patenting

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Applicants' arguments were not deemed persuasive. Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections, however, for the reasons set forth in their prior responses. An interview to discuss the scope of the claims and the prior art and to arrive at allowable subject matter is respectfully requested.

Likewise, it is requested that the status of the double patenting rejections be addressed at such interview as well, once there is arrival at agreement on the scope of patentable subject matter. The double patenting rejections may be obviated once the final scope of the claims is established; otherwise, the rejections can be addressed via entry of a terminal disclaimer.

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